

Minutes

Tri Town Trail; Bluff Point to Preston Trail Committee,

May 22, 2012 The Paddock 55 Rose Hill Road, Ledyard CT

6:30 pm social & 7:00 pm meeting

ATTENDANCE	IN KIND HOURS
Karen Parkinson	2 hours
June Evered	4 hours
Bea Reynolds	4 hours
Zondra Thompson	
Paul Reynolds	5 hours
David Thompson	
Doug Wheeler	
Mickey Gilliland	
Keith Parkinson	2 hours
Joe Berardy	2 hours
DaveSchroeder(ledyard Cons Comm)	
Kyrena Robinson	
Tom Jannke	1 hour
Dave Holdridge	2 hours
Barbara Kil	2 hours

Meeting called to Order 7:02 PM

Minutes accepted as corrected the Reynolds home is in Mumford Cove not Mason's Island.

Dave thanked Bea and Paul for Hosting the May 2nd Kick off

Dave introduced Karen and Keith Parkinson, owners of The Paddock. Keith earlier gave everyone a tour of the site where the tent will stand.

Karen gave us an update on the "Business After Hours" date for October 2nd. Two of these events were already scheduled by other businesses for this October, so we will have to call our "Event" by another name. The Chamber will help us with flyers in their Newsletter that are mailed to 1700 businesses, but we will be responsible for the responses to the invitation. They will also list our Event on their Website. Keith Plans on using a tent 40x80 that should accommodate the Silent Auction and the Food.

A copy of the Flyer was passed around, Joe Beready and June Evered offered to help update it.

A tear off section for donations should be added. They will investigate printer as it is color and 2 sided.

Tom Jannke reported that the 501©(3) is at the Attorney's office. We still need to submit a budget as part of the application. Tom will talk with the Attorney and ask if we could Please have it back from the IRS by the 30th of June. We should have our Flyer and our Silent Auction Receipt ready by July 1st . The 501 © (3) information should be included on the Flyer and the Donation receipt.

Dave reported that he had spoken with Rep Reynolds who is a Rotary member. It was proposed that if our 501©(3) is not approved by then that the Rotary could act as our fiduciary since they too are a Non Profit. This is not our first choice, obviously it would be best if it were approved in time.

David Thompson, spoke stating that he is the current President of the Ledyard Rotary. It is possible; however, it must be voted on by the Membership. Another possibility would be to approach all 4 Rotary Clubs in the Area and ask if they would consider co –sponsoring our October Event. David will ask about this at the Rotary Meeting next week. The Rotary also could support us in Grant Applications.

Karen will continue to work with the Chamber on their time line for getting our Event promoted. Bea Reynolds arranged for Tri Town Trail to have the Display Case in the Groton Public Library for the Month of September. June will work on getting a professional banner type image of the Map for the Library Exhibit and then to be part of a "traveling Exhibit" in the future.

JOBS

Keith will set up the Tent and arrange for displays and the Parking

Karen will be in charge of publicity Joe will help

Silent Auction: Barbara Kil, Sarah Holdridge, Bea Reynolds, Zondra Thompson, others have offered to help solicit donations, Joe, Keith, Tom have contacted businesses

Facebook, Barbara will ask Josh Parsons to keep the site updated

Invitations Dave Holdridge and David Thompson will start putting together a list of Public Service Organizations, Service Clubs, and Government Officials – an official Invite will need to be created

Tom Jannke will continue to work with the Attorney on the 501©(3)

Food and Drink: donations can be solicited from local businesses such as Stop and Shop, BJ's, Wal-Mart , Coca Cola by writing a letter on Trail Letter Head asking for donations. These letters should be mailed at least 30 days ahead of the event and then must be picked up. Local wineries can be approached for Silent Auction items and donated wine or at least discounted.

Volunteer List Bea offered to take the sign-up sheet from the Party and start contacting people about volunteering or taking on a job. WEBSITE we could use a volunteer who could make our Website secure so that we can accept donations on line , such as Pay Pal, even though there is a charge, many people prefer this option.

Tom Jannke : National Trails Day is June 2nd, the GPU has agreed to the date and it will leave again from Sandy Hollow Road in Ledyard at 10 am. The walk is about 3.5 miles. We had requested a walk along rte. 117 headed toward the Copp Property. There was no discussion, GPU decided on the location of the walk.

Dave will be attending the GPU meeting on Weds at 10 am at the Groton City Hall.

The proposed Fireworks parking fund raiser is no longer available .

Joe suggested that Karen check out Rails to Trails website, they have information on how to raise money for trails.

Silent Auction: we should all be thinking of high demand or interesting activities that would have group appeal.

It was discussed that evening meetings might attract more attendees. Dave will find a location for the June 26th meeting. The Parkinsons offered The Paddock.

Adjourned 8:45 PM

Submitted

Barbara Kil, Secretary